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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Responsive to the action mailed September 15, 2003, applicant elects the invention of Group IIa, claims 8-11, 14-24, 28-31, and 33, drawn to the embodiment of methods of assaying  $\beta$ -glucosidase, classified in class 435, subclass 105. The election is made without traverse.

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